GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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IDENTIFICATION OF MINORITY /MUSLIM DOMINATED DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified certain districts in the country as Minority as well as Muslim-dominated areas;

(b) if so, the names of these districts, State-wise;

(c) the details of schemes and programmes formulated for the development of these districts;

(d) the funds earmarked to implement these schemes in a time-bound manner;

(e) whether the Government proposes to create special fund or allocate enhanced financial assistance to upgrade amenities in such districts and also involve Non-governmental Organisations and private sector in this regard;

(f) if so, the details and steps taken in this regard;

(g) the details of the assistance provided so far, the number of beneficiaries and the term of assistance; and

(h) the role of State Governments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (A.R. ANTULAY)

(a) & (b): The Government has identified 90 minority concentration districts. The list of these districts is at Annexure.

(c) to (h): A budgetary provision of Rs.120 crore has been made in the Annual Plan 2007-08 for implementation of a multi-sectoral development programme for minority concentration districts to address the `development deficits` of such districts, through the State Government/UT administration. No fund has been released as yet under this budgetary provision.